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Center Announces Fall 2006 Training Schedule

A number of courses highlight the Nonpoint Source Training and Resource Center's 2006 Fall Training Schedule.

Course offerings for contractors interested in certification include several basic and advanced sessions in erosion control best management practices. These will be held in three locations throughout the state.

Of interest to engineers, regulators, contractors, consultants, and state and local officials, the Center will be sponsoring a conference on Buffers. The conference will be held at the Augusta Civic Center in November, and will discuss the functions and values of buffers and the latest design, construction and maintenance practices. Two plenary sessions are planned in addition to eight concurrent sessions covering various topics from stormwater treatment to riparian habitat protection.

For engineers, consultants and technical assistance providers, the Center will again be offering an exam review course and exam to become a Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control (CPESC). This is an international certification endorsed by the International Erosion Control Association and the Soil & Water Conservation



Riparian Buffers such as this provide crucial protection to Maine's waterbodies in addition to wildlife and fisheries habitat. To learn more, attend our conference on Buffers this fall. To register see page 2.

Society. For those interested in participating, there is a requirement that you apply to, and be approved by CPESC Inc. to sit for the exam. The application can be downloaded from the CPESC Inc. website at: **www.cpesc.org. Please make sure to submit application materials to CPESC Inc. by October 1st to allow adequate time for processing prior to the November 16th test date.** Those without approval from CPESC Inc. will not be allowed to sit for the exam.

For Maine certified contractors in need of re-certification credits, the Center will again be offering a

4-hour continuing education program. This year's program is scheduled for five locations throughout the state. The session will provide a summary of regulatory changes and will discuss fish passage through culverts as a topic. As an alternative to attending a program, re-certification can now also be obtained by viewing a videotaped version of the session.

The listing on the next page outlines all of the courses being offered. Please register for as many as you'd like by using the registration form on the bottom of the page.

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1) Basic & Advanced Erosion Control For Contractors

Session #N0704 Waterford, November 28, 2006,
Waterford Town Office
Registration Deadline: 11/20/06

Session #N0705 Augusta, November 30, 2006,
Augusta Civic Center
Registration Deadline: 11/22/06

Session #N0706 Houlton, December 5, 2006,
Shiretown Motor Inn
Registration Deadline: 11/27/06

2) Continuing Education for Certified Contractors

Session #N0707 Presque Isle, December 6, 2006,
Presque Isle Inn and Convention Center
Registration Deadline: 11/28/06

Session #N0708 Augusta, December 8, 2006,
Augusta Civic Center
Registration Deadline: 11/30/06

Session #N0709 Portland, December 11, 2006,
Holiday Inn West
Registration Deadline: 12/4/06

Session #N0710 Brewer, December 14, 2006,
Jeff's Catering
Registration Deadline: 12/6/06

Session #N0711 Machias, December 19, 2006,
Blue Bird Ranch Restaurant
Registration Deadline: 12/11/06

3) Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control (CPESC)

Exam Review Course
Session #N0702 Portland, October 19, 2006,
Holiday Inn West
Registration Deadline: 10/11/06

Exam
Session #N0703 Portland, November 16, 2006,
Holiday Inn West
Registration Deadline: 11/8/06

4) Conference On Buffers

Session #N0701 Augusta, November 9, 2006,
Augusta Civic Center
Registration Deadline: 11/1/06

Maine Nonpoint Source Training and Resource Center Course Registration Form

Name: _____ Tel. _____

Address: _____

Company: _____

The Courses I would like to attend are:

Course # _____ Session # _____ to be held in _____ Course Fee: _____
(City or Town)

Course # _____ Session # _____ to be held in _____ Course Fee: _____
(City or Town)

Course Fees:

- 1) Basic Erosion Control Practices - \$65
- 2) Continuing Education Course - \$30
- 3) CPESC Review Course- \$80 CPESC Exam - \$45 (Checks should be made payable to J.E.T.C.C.)
- 4) Buffer Conference - \$75

Send this form along with appropriate fee(s) to:

J.E.T.C.C.
P.O. Box 487,
Scarborough, Maine 04070-0487
Tel. 253-8020

New Continuing Education Option Available to Certified Contractors



Certified contractors looking for an alternative to attending a continuing education course will now have another option in maintaining their certification. Beginning in December of this year, the Center will offer its continuing education course on VHS and DVD. For the same price it costs to attend a training program, an individual will be provided with a videotaped version of the session in addition to all class materials.

Once he or she views the video or DVD and reviews the class materials, any questions can be answered by a call to the Center. A short questionnaire on the video or DVD is then filled out by the individual and sent in to the Center. The individual is then re-certified for another three year period.

Each year, due to scheduling conflicts and work responsibilities, a number of certified individuals do not have the opportunity to personally attend a continuing education class. This new option will assist these individuals in getting needed credits in an efficient and convenient manner. Also since Maine is a large state, many certified individuals have had to travel great distances to attend sessions, expending time and incurring high fuel expenses. This option will eliminate this and allow these folks to attend a session in the comfort of their own homes or offices.

Materials for the program will be available by **December 22, 2006**. Those of you who are interested in participating may pre-register with the Center prior to that time and the materials will be sent to you when they become available. If you have any questions regarding the program, please contact the Center at 287-7726.

2006 Winter/ Spring Training Season Hosts Over 1500 Participants



The Nonpoint Source Training and Resource Center's 2006 Winter/ Spring Training was successful in reaching several groups. Training was held for contractors, engineers, consultants, site evaluators, municipal officials and landowners in lake watersheds.

Training in erosion control was again provided to contractors throughout the state. Six basic and advanced courses in erosion control best management practices, and one continuing education course on fish passage and road crossings were held. A total of **174** people attended these two programs.

For engineers and consultants, four sessions on design using the new Stormwater Best Management Practices were held. A total of **257** participants attended these sessions.

Contractors and others interested in instruction on septic system installation and inspection and new products, were provided with seven training sessions encompassing these topics. As usual, turnout was excellent with **669** participants attending.

A new refresher program was offered this year for the state's site evaluators. Two sessions of the program were held to provide instruction on ways to improve their work in designing septic systems. A total of **96** participants attended these sessions.

As part of required stormwater pollution prevention in the State's 28 MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems) communities, officials must conduct inspections of

construction sites to ensure that proper erosion control is being used. Two sessions on the inspection process were held to assist these officials with this task. A total of **79** participants attended the sessions.

Two of the larger sessions held in April included the Maine Conservation Expo in Farmington and a conference on Better Roads and Parking in Augusta. A total of **193** individuals attended these sessions.

Finally, in July and August two Lakesmart sessions for landowners in lake watersheds were held in Otisfield and Rangeley. A total of **47** landowners participated in these sessions.

The Center would again like to thank the Advisory Committee members, instructors, sponsors, J.E.T.C.C., and other organizations who made the Winter/Spring 2006 training season so successful!

Survey on Erosion & Sediment Control Law Indicates Greater Compliance by Certified Contractors



A survey on compliance with the State's Erosion and Sediment Control law was completed in the Fall of 2005 and Spring of 2006 by members of the DEP's Division of Watershed Management. A similar survey, completed in 2003 was directed at randomly selected communities. This survey, however, targeted the state's fastest growing municipalities and requested landowners and /or contractors to take corrective action on sites that did not comply.

Survey results were pretty typical of what was found in 2003. A total of 212 sites were inspected by division staff. 118 or **55%** of those sites were not in compliance. This is down about **5%** from the 2003 survey.

Of the sites that were completed by companies with certified individuals, approximately **80%** were found to be in substantial or full compliance. Although this was down about **10%** from the 2003 survey, it still provides some indication that companies who employ certified individuals continue to have better compliance rates than those who do not.

LakeSmart Awards Given to Lakefront Property Owners



The Center would like to congratulate the following landowners for their recent LakeSmart awards: **Jay and Terry Snider** for their property on Cobbosseecontee Lake in Monmouth; **Lorna and Ralph Wedon** for their property on Branch Lake in Ellsworth; **Ethel and Craig Turner** for their property on Thompson Lake in Otisfield; **Winston Thomas** for his property on Long Pond in Parsonsfield; **Peter and Marygrace Barber** for their property on Pleasant Lake in Otisfield; **Mary Ryan, Jim and Jean Doughty, Dennis and Linda Taylor, Wynn and Sandra Muller, Tom and Paulette Cahn and Dan and Linda Seabold** for their properties on Wilson Lake in Wilton; **Jeff Timm,** and **Bob and Beth Brauer** for their properties on Cobbosseecontee Lake in Litchfield; **James and Anne Schmidt** for their property on Maranacook Lake in Readfield; **Kathy and Kevin Graham and Jack and Kay Emory** for their properties on Wassookeag Lake in Dexter; **Margaret and John Taylor, Jean and Dick Williams** and **Mary and Biff Atwater** for their properties on Lake Anasagunticook in Hartford.

The landscaping and management of these properties are excellent examples of actions property owners can take on their own to protect lake

water quality. Each property owner was awarded a plaque for his or her home and LakeSmart Award signs to display on his or her property

This brings the total number of award winners to **89** statewide.

If you think that your property may qualify for an award under this program, or if you would like assistance in determining what you can do to qualify, please call the Center at 287-7726.

Lists Compiled of the State's Suppliers of Erosion Control Materials



As a result of the need to assist the state's contractors, municipal officials and regulators as to sources of erosion control materials, the Center has attempted to compile lists of suppliers located in the state (Copies Enclosed).

The lists are based on information from the Department of Transportation and other sources. Of the two lists, one is on general erosion control materials such as silt fence, hay mulch, etc., and the other is specifically for erosion control mix.

We hope that the information these lists provide will be helpful to you in your work. If you know of other suppliers in the state who are not on the list, please call the Center at 287-7726 and let us know. We want to make sure these lists are as comprehensive as possible and we do not want to exclude any supplier. Consequently if you determine that any supplier on the lists no longer carries these products we also would appreciate a call.